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In re application : **WILLI KREUDER et al.**
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For : **USE OF SPIRO COMPOUNDS AS LASER DYES**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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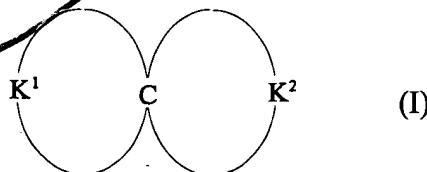
Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 5-20 as follows:

5. A laser comprising:

a substrate;

a first electrode layer arranged on the substrate;

an organic layer arranged on the first electrode layer, wherein said organic layer comprises a solid laser dye that is a spiro compound of formula (I)



where K¹ and K² are, independently of one another, conjugated systems; and

a second electrode layer arranged on the organic layer.